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Free Child Safety Seat Clinic

The Beaverton Police Department in a partnership with ACTS Oregon will be conducting a free child car seat clinic on Saturday, August 31, 2013 at Beaverton City Hall located at 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton, OR 97005. The clinic will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will be held in the West parking lot behind city hall.

This clinic is designed to teach parents and caregivers how to properly install and use a child safety seat. A properly installed and used child safety seat will greatly decrease the chance of your child sustaining a serious or life threatening injury during a motor vehicle crash.

Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children 1 to 13 years old in the United States. The best way to protect them in a car is to put them in the right seat, at the right time, and use it the right way.

There are so many car seat types and models, how do you know which one is right for your child? The right car seat or booster fits your child and your car, and is one you will use correctly every time you travel. Not only will your child ride as safely as possible, you will be establishing the foundation for a lifelong habit of seat belt use every time your child travels.

Let us help you make a better-informed choice when [choosing and using a car seat](#).

Keep your child in a booster seat until they are big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should fit snug across the shoulders and the chest and not across the neck or face. Remember it is much safer for your child to ride in the back seat.

Oregon law requires that your child be in some type of child safety seat until they are 4'9" or 8 years of age. It is recommended that you keep them in at least a booster seat as long as possible.

To ensure correct installation and fast service, please read and bring your car seat instructions and vehicle owner's manual. A certified technician will help parents and caregivers learn to install and use their child restraints properly. No appointment is required just drop by during the event and each car seat check will take about 30 minutes.

<http://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/811.210>

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